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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated April 27, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the **Specification** are included beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are included beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.